

Application No. 10/776,613

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-18 are amended to correct minor informalities contained therein. No new matter is added. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended by Examiner Nguyen to Applicants' representative during the August 26 and August 29 telephone interviews. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks. Specifically, claims 1-18 are amended to comply with the Examiner's helpful suggestions made during the interviews in order to place the application in condition for allowance.

As agreed during the telephone interviews, claims 1-18 are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims are earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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